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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract with the following:

--~~The present invention relates to a~~ A device for transporting persons along a staircase[[.]] having ~~The device has~~ a frame displaceable along a guide, a drive to be selectively set into operation for displacing the frame along the guide, and a chair on the frame on which a person for transporting can be seated. The seat may have a seat part and a back rest and optionally at least one arm rest. At least the seat part on the side directed toward the back rest can be pivoted up and down in a pivoting movement on a horizontal pivot axis and forms a guide when the person is standing up or sitting down.